

# Division of Veterans Services

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## Historical Summary

<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>FY 2002 Total App</b>	<b>FY 2002 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2003 Approp</b>	<b>FY 2004 Request</b>	<b>FY 2004 Gov Rec</b>
<b>BY FUND CATEGORY</b>					
General	3,408,100	3,369,800	2,064,700	2,429,300	2,324,400
Dedicated	7,720,800	6,581,000	7,084,800	9,685,800	9,620,500
Federal	6,908,900	6,376,200	7,024,300	5,019,000	4,964,600
<b>Total:</b>	<b>18,037,800</b>	<b>16,327,000</b>	<b>16,173,800</b>	<b>17,134,100</b>	<b>16,909,500</b>
Percent Change:		(9.5%)	(0.9%)	5.9%	4.5%
<b>BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE</b>					
Personnel Costs	0	11,787,500	0	0	0
Operating Expenditures	0	4,239,400	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	0	248,900	0	0	0
Trustee/Benefit	0	51,200	0	0	0
Lump Sum	18,037,800	0	16,173,800	17,134,100	16,909,500
<b>Total:</b>	<b>18,037,800</b>	<b>16,327,000</b>	<b>16,173,800</b>	<b>17,134,100</b>	<b>16,909,500</b>
Full-Time Positions (FTP)	299.32	299.32	299.32	306.32	305.32

## Division Description

The Division of Veteran's Services has the responsibility to provide care and extend financial assistance to disabled and destitute Idaho wartime veterans and their dependents. Services include: managing and operating the Veteran's Homes that include 268 nursing care and 36 residential care and domiciliary beds; maintaining a Veteran's Service Office to assist veterans and their families in obtaining federal benefits to which they are entitled (this office is located at 805 W. Franklin Street, Boise, in space furnished by the Veteran's Administration); and extending emergency financial assistance to disabled or destitute veterans and their families.

The Division of Veteran's Services was transferred from the Department of Health and Welfare to the Department of Self-Governing Agencies in fiscal year 2001.

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## Comparative Summary

Decision Unit	Agency Request			Governor's Rec		
	FTP	General	Total	FTP	General	Total
<b>FY 2003 Original Appropriation</b>	<b>299.32</b>	<b>2,064,700</b>	<b>16,173,800</b>	<b>299.32</b>	<b>2,064,700</b>	<b>16,173,800</b>
1. Funding Alignment	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0
Budget Reduction (Neg. Supp.)	(1.00)	(72,300)	(72,300)	(1.00)	(72,300)	(72,300)
<b>FY 2003 Total Appropriation</b>	<b>298.32</b>	<b>1,992,400</b>	<b>16,101,500</b>	<b>298.32</b>	<b>1,992,400</b>	<b>16,101,500</b>
Expenditure Adjustments	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0
<b>FY 2003 Estimated Expenditures</b>	<b>298.32</b>	<b>1,992,400</b>	<b>16,101,500</b>	<b>298.32</b>	<b>1,992,400</b>	<b>16,101,500</b>
Removal of One-Time Expenditures	0.00	(30,000)	(68,300)	0.00	(30,000)	(68,300)
Restore Budget Reduction	1.00	72,300	72,300	0.00	0	0
<b>FY 2004 Base</b>	<b>299.32</b>	<b>2,034,700</b>	<b>16,105,500</b>	<b>298.32</b>	<b>1,962,400</b>	<b>16,033,200</b>
Personnel Cost Rollups	0.00	38,400	257,500	0.00	38,400	294,800
Inflationary Adjustments	0.00	3,300	120,300	0.00	1,000	35,800
Replacement Items	0.00	0	140,900	0.00	0	140,900
Nonstandard Adjustments	0.00	82,200	82,200	0.00	82,200	82,200
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	16,900	105,100	0.00	0	0
Fund Shifts	0.00	126,100	0	0.00	112,700	0
<b>FY 2004 Program Maintenance</b>	<b>299.32</b>	<b>2,301,600</b>	<b>16,811,500</b>	<b>298.32</b>	<b>2,196,700</b>	<b>16,586,900</b>
1. Veterans Cemetery	7.00	127,700	127,700	7.00	127,700	127,700
2. Clinical & Financial Software	0.00	0	170,600	0.00	0	170,600
3. Additional Capital Outlay	0.00	0	24,300	0.00	0	24,300
Lump Sum Request	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0
<b>FY 2004 Total</b>	<b>306.32</b>	<b>2,429,300</b>	<b>17,134,100</b>	<b>305.32</b>	<b>2,324,400</b>	<b>16,909,500</b>
Change from Original Appropriation	7.00	364,600	960,300	6.00	259,700	735,700
% Change from Original Appropriation		17.7%	5.9%		12.6%	4.5%

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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
<b>FY 2003 Original Appropriation</b>					
	299.32	2,064,700	7,084,800	7,024,300	16,173,800

## 1. Funding Alignment

Currently, Medicaid receipts are included in federal funds while private pay receipts are in other funds. Based on current pay source statistics, it is projected there will be more collections in private pay receipts than Medicaid receipts. A transfer in spending authority is requested.

Agency Request	0.00	0	334,000	(334,000)	0
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	334,000	(334,000)	0

## Budget Reduction (Neg. Supp.)

Reflects General Fund holdback as directed by Executive Order 2002-08 and 2002-09.

Agency Request	(1.00)	(72,300)	0	0	(72,300)
Governor's Recommendation	(1.00)	(72,300)	0	0	(72,300)

## FY 2003 Total Appropriation

Agency Request	298.32	1,992,400	7,418,800	6,690,300	16,101,500
Governor's Recommendation	298.32	1,992,400	7,418,800	6,690,300	16,101,500

## Expenditure Adjustments

Lump Sum Allocation.

Agency Request	0.00	0	0	0	0
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0

## FY 2003 Estimated Expenditures

Agency Request	298.32	1,992,400	7,418,800	6,690,300	16,101,500
Governor's Recommendation	298.32	1,992,400	7,418,800	6,690,300	16,101,500

## Removal of One-Time Expenditures

Remove funding provided for one-time items.

Agency Request	0.00	(30,000)	(38,300)	0	(68,300)
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	(30,000)	(38,300)	0	(68,300)

## Restore Budget Reduction

Agency Request	1.00	72,300	0	0	72,300
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*The Governor recommends that reductions made in appropriations in fiscal year 2003 not be restored to the budget base.*

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
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## FY 2004 Base

Agency Request	299.32	2,034,700	7,380,500	6,690,300	16,105,500
Governor's Recommendation	298.32	1,962,400	7,380,500	6,690,300	16,033,200

## Personnel Cost Rollups

Includes the employer portion of estimated changes in employee benefit costs.

Agency Request	0.00	38,400	118,300	100,800	257,500
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*The Governor also recommends additional funding to be applied to the employee paid portion of health and dental insurance cost increases, in order to prevent employees from experiencing a reduction in take-home pay.*

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	38,400	134,200	122,200	294,800
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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
<b>Inflationary Adjustments</b>					
Includes \$72,500 (\$1,900 General Fund) for a general inflationary increase of 2.4%, and \$47,800 (\$1,400 General Fund) for a medical inflationary increase of 4%.					
Agency Request	0.00	3,300	44,300	72,700	120,300
<i>The Governor recommends no increase for general inflation, and a 3% increase for medical inflation.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	1,000	12,500	22,300	35,800
<b>Replacement Items</b>					
Includes \$68,100 to replace three vehicles, \$19,000 to replace computer equipment, and \$53,800 to replace other miscellaneous items.					
Agency Request	0.00	0	0	140,900	140,900
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	140,900	140,900
<b>Nonstandard Adjustments</b>					
Includes \$81,000 for Attorney General fees; \$8,900 for increased insurance costs; and a reduction of \$7,700 in State Controller and State Treasurer fees.					
Agency Request	0.00	82,200	0	0	82,200
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	82,200	0	0	82,200
<b>Change in Employee Compensation</b>					
Reflects the cost of a 1% salary increase for permanent and group positions.					
Agency Request	0.00	16,900	48,600	39,600	105,100
<i>The Governor does not recommend new funding for state employee pay increases. Compensation increases may be funded with agency salary savings wherever possible.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
<b>Fund Shifts</b>					
In fiscal year 2001, when the Division's nursing homes were mandated to become Medicaid certified, Medicaid dollars were incorrectly classified as federal funds instead of receipts. This decision unit would shift classification of \$2,220,200 from federal funds to the proper funding source. Also included is a shift of \$126,100 from dedicated funds to the General Fund due to declining endowment earnings.					
Agency Request	0.00	126,100	2,094,100	(2,220,200)	0
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	112,700	2,093,300	(2,206,000)	0
<b>FY 2004 Program Maintenance</b>					
Agency Request	299.32	2,301,600	9,685,800	4,824,100	16,811,500
Governor's Recommendation	298.32	2,196,700	9,620,500	4,769,700	16,586,900

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## Budget by Decision Unit

	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
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### 1. Veterans Cemetery

In 2000, the state Legislature approved \$200,000 for the design of such a cemetery with land being donated by the Terteling Corporation in 2002. However, the Veterans Administration determined that the slope, access, and the availability of water on the donated site were problematic. To resolve these issues, the 2002 Legislature subsequently approved the purchase of additional land. While the Veterans Administration will reimburse the state for 100% of the cost to construct the cemetery, the maintenance and operation is the responsibility of the State of Idaho. Funding is requested for the operation and maintenance of a veterans cemetery. The cost is estimated to run \$127,700 in fiscal year 2004, \$416,600 in 2005, and \$405,000 in 2006.

The following positions are requested:

- 1 Cemetery Director - pay grade M (\$22.46), start date 8/1/03
- 1 Administrative Assistant II - pay grade G (\$13.09), start date 9/1/03
- 1 Administrative Assistant I - pay grade F (\$11.70), start date 4/1/04
- 1 Caretaker Foreman - pay grade G (\$13.09), start date 3/1/04
- 1 Caretaker Senior - pay grade E (\$10.42), start date 4/1/04
- 2 Caretaker - pay grade C (\$8.41), start date 5/1/04
  - Part-time Caretaker - pay grade C (\$8.41), start date 5/1/04
  - Part-time Volunteer Coordinator - pay grade J (\$17.17), start date 4/1/04

Agency Request	7.00	127,700	0	0	127,700
Governor's Recommendation	7.00	127,700	0	0	127,700

### 2. Clinical & Financial Software

Funding is requested to purchase a fully integrated clinical and financial software system that is critical in meeting Veterans Administration and Medicaid requirements, as well as, the requirements of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Agency Request	0.00	0	0	170,600	170,600
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	170,600	170,600

### 3. Additional Capital Outlay

Funding is requested to purchase a new vehicle that will be used by staff to travel to a potential residents home for evaluation prior to admission.

Agency Request	0.00	0	0	24,300	24,300
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	24,300	24,300

### Lump Sum Request

For maximum flexibility, a lump sum appropriation is requested for fiscal year 2004.

Agency Request	0.00	0	0	0	0
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0

<b>FY 2004 Total</b>					
Agency Request	306.32	2,429,300	9,685,800	5,019,000	17,134,100
Governor's Recommendation	305.32	2,324,400	9,620,500	4,964,600	16,909,500

### Agency Request

Change from Original App	7.00	364,600	2,601,000	(2,005,300)	960,300
% Change from Original App	2.3%	17.7%	36.7%	(28.5%)	5.9%

### Governor's Recommendation

Change from Original App	6.00	259,700	2,535,700	(2,059,700)	735,700
% Change from Original App	2.0%	12.6%	35.8%	(29.3%)	4.5%

# Division of Veterans Services Issues & Information

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## Strategic Planning Act Performance Measures

Selected Measures	FY 2001 Act	FY 2002 Act	FY 2003 Est	FY 2004 Est
1. % of veterans receiving benefits	---	31%	31%	32%
2. % of residents returning surveys indicating satisfaction with services	---	99%	99%	99%
3. % of families returning surveys indicating satisfaction with services	---	99%	99%	99%
4. Number of new volunteers	---	63	73	98
5. Number of annual volunteer hours	---	68,552	68,612	68,702
6. Number of hours of temporary staff	---	6,760	6,558	6,361
7. % of occupied beds in facilities	---	84%	86%	87%

## Organizational Chart

